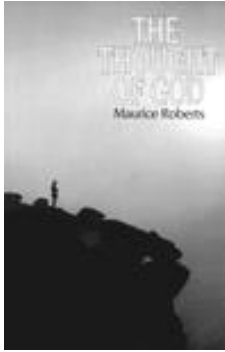


Take and Read

From Our Library

The Thought of God. By Maurice Roberts

This is a collection of articles which have already been widely read and appreciated as editorials in *The Banner of Truth* magazine of which Maurice Roberts was the editor. Pointedly biblical, they are thoughtful and searching, humbling and exalting, challenging and encouraging. Like editorials in other journals Roberts' articles have spoken to the needs of the times. But while many editorials appear to have only historical or sociological interest at a later date, in contrast these are of lasting value. They have God and his Word as their starting place, and their horizon stretches beyond time to eternity. Those who have already read them will rejoice to have these pieces conveniently and permanently in book form, while those who come to them for the first time will appreciate their freshness, relevance and power, and will find them in a seriousness which has a sanctifying effect on the heart and a clarifying influence on spiritual vision.



Review

Maurice Roberts' articles speak to the needs of the times. They have God and His Word as their starting place; and their horizon stretches beyond time to eternity. "Every article is a picturesque painting. And the words are shades and colours. They seem to be ordinary, simple words - but in the hand of the master they work wonders. The thought like a spear, penetrates to the heart and does not allow itself to be forgotten. And what thoughts they are!"

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Quote of the Month

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." (Charles Wesley)

Calendar of Events

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another..." Hebrews 10:25 **October 2009**



- Sunday's Church Services — 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.
- Tuesday's Women's Meeting — 13th, 27th.
- Wednesday's Bible Study — 7th, 21st, 28th.
- Thursday's Prayer Meeting — 1st, 15th, 29th.
- Experience Meeting — Wed. 14th.

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"...in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us" - Romans 8:37.

The Pastor's Letter

Dear Brethren,

It appears that we Christians can become nervous and anxious to a very marked degree, even though we profess to have the Almighty God as our Strength in trouble. We believe in God the Creator, who by his wise and good providence directs all things to their proper ends, who also works all things for our good, and yet we find it difficult to cast all our cares upon him, as if he is unable or incompetent to deal with them. We often think that we had better deal with our cares ourselves; after all they are ours. So our anxiety grows ever stronger, harrying us beyond measure.

Here's what God's spokesman said about the matter, and its solution: "Do not be anxious - but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passes all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

When the Bible says, "He cares for us," it means what it says. It is really inconsistent to trust God for forgiveness and justification, and yet deprive yourself from enjoying his protection and provision. This you gain by going to him in humble prayer, expressing your needs and troubles to him, as a little child does with his loving father.

Remember that the peace of heart does not come from denying that there is trouble, but comes from rolling your trouble on God. By faith, at any time, in any place, for any personal reason, you are still invited to hide under his everlasting wings, and there to find comfort, protection and lasting peace.

Make full use of your privileges, as a child of God!

Sincerely in Him

Paul

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Let us for each other
care,
each the other's burdens
bear;
to thy church the pattern
give,
show how true believers
live.

Catechism Corner

Question 55 Which is the sixth commandment?

The sixth commandment is, "Thou shalt not kill."

Question 56 What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?

The sixth commandment forbids the taking away of our own life, (Acts 16:28) or the life of our neighbour unjustly, (Genesis 9:6) or whatever tends to it. (Proverbs 24:11,12)

Question 57 Which is the seventh commandment?

The seventh commandment is, "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

Question 58 What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?

The seventh commandment forbids all unchaste thoughts, (Matthew 5:28; Colossians 4:6) words, (Ephesians 5:4; 2Timothy 2:22) and actions. (Ephesians 5:3)

Remember and Learn

REMEMBER Manasseh (2 Kgs. 21:1-16 & 2 Chron. 33:12-13) who used witchcrafts and enchantments, who shed much innocent blood, and filled Jerusalem with blood, and who led the whole nation to unfaithfulness and sin; and yet, when in his affliction, he humbled himself greatly, and sought unto the Lord, he obtained mercy; **and LEARN** that no matter how far away from God we might have wandered and how low we might have fallen into sin, whenever we sincerely decide to repent we are never beyond the Grace of God.



Sayings of: Mary Winslow. (1774-1854)

- A needy sinner and an all sufficient God can walk sweetly together.
- If your heart appears cold, hard, and insensible, take it to Jesus, and tell Him how it is with you. He will warm, soften, and fill it with His love.
- How often one word, a simple sentence, when applied by the Holy Spirit, gives comfort, and lifts one up!
- Let us aim to act, and speak, and walk as if Christ were at our side! And so He is, though we may not be sensible of it.
- Oh, how few really know God! I meet with many 'hearsay' Christians, who have heard of Jesus, as Job did, with 'the hearing of the ear', but who have no personal acquaintance with Him.
- Pray in prayer! Oh, how many unmeaning, heartless prayers are offered up that never reach the ear or heart of God!
- Eternity, with all its solemn realities, is before us!

Experimental Christianity

Some Practical Mistakes Commonly Found In Christians.

Why are most Christians commonly of so diminutive a stature and of such feeble strength in their religion? Why is so little advancement made? Are there not some practical mistakes very commonly entertained, which are the cause of this slowness of growth? We think so and would like to list the following as the most common ones found in the lives of those who profess to be Christ's disciples. Do read on with a humble disposition and an eagerness to learn.

Many people only get a 'doctrinal deliverance' because they have not yielded themselves to God. There is no conscious act of the will involving a real surrender of themselves, or a subjection of their will to the will of God, a submission of their whole being to the Lord Jesus Christ, a denying of their self and the taking up of the cross to follow Him. These people try to find their spiritual answers and the abounding life in DOCTRINE – they do not deal with a PERSON – the Lord Jesus Christ. They are satisfied with a knowledge of the works of God and of systems of theology, but are not in love with Christ.

They are busy learning Scripture texts but are not living them, they understand the theory but there is no real power in their life. They are very fond of particular verses – they memorize them, quote them, but do not really believe them – if they did they would enter into their experience and these would transform their daily life. They are trying to understand the truths while having no intention of obeying them. The Bible has become a substitute of God! It has been made the end, instead of the means towards the end, which is knowing and loving God Himself.

Others use hymns and Christian songs without any spiritual awareness of what they are singing. Few Christians live 'for Jesus only'. They may do some things to 'please him', but they do others to please the church, to please the world, to please themselves. They say I will accept Jesus – but not 'Jesus only'. Some people do accept Jesus – but then seek Him no more. This is the difference – true men of God found Jesus and sought Him DAILY. Many hearts have settled down to the little they already know; settling for far less than God is waiting to give and are not 'yearning for more'.

Many so called Christians know more about soap operas, world political situations, sporting events etc. than they do about the New Testament and the Holy Spirit. They are hanging on to something; something that they hold dear to themselves, something that comes between them and the Lord. They keep SOME authority for themselves, they have some control – they let the Lord run their lives but still keep a hand on the controls. These Christians are far more prone to lead than to follow – they are for suggesting to Him this way and that – not letting God manage things his own way.

Many are seeking God not for Himself but for what he can give them; his gifts and his blessings, they are seeking only after entertainment, enjoyment and fun in all things spiritual.

Many Christians have not excluded God from their system of theology or from being the greatest luminary of their spiritual life, but they often exclude Him from the history of their common daily existence; their family, work etc. His is not an all-pervading presence there.

They might know their lack or their sin but are very slow in allowing the Holy Spirit to lead them into deeper Christian life and experience. They are guilty of hiding their inner state. They disguise the poverty of their own spirit, and keep it a secret, covering it up (to preserve their reputation) and in doing so, God cannot change it.

Then there are the 'signpost' Christians; helping others and trying to advance others while stationary themselves. And those who like ducks, have oiled feathers. They manage to regularly dive into sermons, books, meetings etc...without getting 'wet' on the inside; everything just slides off them without really effecting them at all. They go to church without ever feeling an extra heartbeat or any kindling of godly desire.

Dear fellow believer, consider seriously the above and test yourself to see where you really stand. Pray that the Holy Spirit enlightens you and then respond unconditionally.